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SUBJECT: SECRETARY SCHLESINGER VISIT TO FRG

1. MINISTER LEBER'S AIDES TOLD US TODAY THAT IT NOW APPEARS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S VISIT TO BONN OVER NOVEMBER 7-8. THE FMOD IS NOW PLANNING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. LEBER WOULD ARRIVE BY AIR SOME 30-45 MINUTES AHEAD OF SECDEF ABOUT MID-DAY AT BONN-COLOGNE AIRPORT NOVEMBER 7 TO BE PRESENT FOR FULL CEREMONIAL HONORS TO BE GIVEN SECDEF. FOLLOWING THEREAFTER WOULD BE AFTER-NOON WORKING SESSIONS, AND FORMAL DINNER IN EVENING. ON NOVEMBER 8 THE BUNDESTAG MAY DEBATE NPT ADHERENCE ISSUE, AND IT IS LIKELY LEBER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR LENGTHY MEETINGS ON THAT DAY. FMOD IS THINKING THAT IN ADDITION TO WHATEVER MEETINGS LEBER IS FREE TO ATTEND WITH SECDEF ON NOVEMBER 8, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER COULD MEET OTHER FRG CABINET AND BUNDESTAG OFFICIALS FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF MATTER OF MUTUAL INTEREST. LEBER BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER COULD MEET WITH SELECTED FRG

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OFFICIALS TO PRESENT US VIEWS ON VARIETY OF CURRENT

DEFENSE ISSUES.

2. FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL SOON BE IN CONTACT
AGAIN WITH ISA/DOD ABOUT VISIT PLANS. FMOD HAS MEAN-
WHILE ASKED US FOR LIST OF SUBJECTS ON WHICH SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.
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